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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER TACK

REF: PANAMA 2648, LIMA 3187, PANAMA 2731, STATE 96148

YOU LAST SAW TACK AT THE MARCH OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING IN WASHINGTON. HE HAS REQUESTED A PRIVATE MEETING TO DISCUSS CANAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS AND TO DELIVER A PERSONAL LETTER ON THIS SUBJECT.

TACK RECENTLY DESCRIBED AS " POSITIVE" THE UNITED STATES' ATTITUDE TOWARD TREATY NEGOTIATIONS AS REFLECTED IN THE PANAMANIAN SECTION OF THE PRESIDENT' S STATE OF THE WORLD MESSAGE. LAST WEEK HE SENT A LETTER CONTAINING PANAMA' S FORMAL REPLY TO AMBASSADOR ANDERSON' S FEBRUARY LETTER OUTLINING THE U. S. POSITION ON CANAL NEGOTIATIONS. TACK' S
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RESPONSE IS UNUSUALLY FREE OF POLEMICS, BUT IT REITERATES POSITIONS VERY FAR FROM OUR OWN. IT CONCLUDES BY INVITING U. S. REPRESENTATIVES TO TRAVEL TO PANAMA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS.

WE SUGGEST YOU LET TACK TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN RAISING SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS INVOLVING U. S.- PANAMANIAN RELATIONS.

WE RECOMMEND THAT, AS APPROPRIATE, YOU

-- EXPRESS PLEASURE THAT PANAMA IS INTERESTED IN RENEWING NEGOTIATIONS,

-- MENTION THAT THE UNITED STATES POSITION REMAINS FLEXIBLE AND THAT WE SEEK A PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION WITH COMPROMISE ON BOTH SIDES.

-- EMPHASIZE TO TACK THAT THE PRESIDENT' S STATE OF THE WORLD REPORT REFLECTS BOTH THE BASIC CONCEPT AND PRIORITY WE ATTACH TO ESTABLISHING A NEW AND HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE PANAMA JUST ASPIRATIONS AND U. S. NATIONAL INTERESTS. RUSH

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